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1. The Council for Mutual Economic Aid now has branch offices in the capitals of all orbit countries. The chief DDR representative is F. Oelsner,\* whose office is in the Lothringerstrasse, Berlin (Soviet Sector). Although he is primarily a skilled politician, he has authority over a number of economic and industrial experts from the appropriate DDR ministries. The permanent panel of advisers to the Council includes Hermann Makower, head of the Foreign Trade Group of MIAM, Erich Kneiseisen, head of the Finance Department of MIAM and Hermann Nassberg, of the same department. Frau Trübenbach is Oelsner's expert on foodstuffs.
2. The MIAM panel members consult with Oelsner directly, and not through the heads of departments or ministries. Should Handke, for example, require the advice of the DDR panel on a question involving other orbit countries, he could apply to Oelsner, who would in turn consult the appropriate panel member of Handke's ministry.
3. Meetings of the DDR representatives take place regularly at 8 p.m. every Wednesday under Oelsner's chairmanship in the Lothringerstrasse. At irregular intervals, but never less than once a month, they also meet with Walter Ulbricht in the Walter Ulbricht Administration School in Forst Zinna for what is termed a tactical discussion of the situation. This is also attended by an SKK representative nominated by Chuikov. Oelsner is the only DDR representative to attend meetings with other participating countries. Decisions resulting therefrom are passed by him to the DDR panel member concerned.

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\* Comment: F. Oelsner is probably Fred Oelsner, a prominent member of the SED Politburo. The SED Central Secretariat is at Lothringerstrasse 1.

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